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Yakima nurse suspended on charges of drugging and assaulting a woman

OLYMPIA — A Yakima County advanced registered nurse practitioner’s licenses were immediately suspended by state health officials on assault and drug allegations.

Charges say that Adam Archibald repeatedly administered a controlled substance to a woman without her knowledge during a nearly four-year period so he could have sex with her. The woman thought her repeated “sleep episodes” were caused by an undiagnosed medical condition.

Archibald, who worked as a nurse anesthetist at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, allegedly stole controlled substances and other prescription drugs from his employer for his personal use.

He has 20 days to contest the charges and suspension. Archibald cannot work as an advanced registered nurse practitioner or registered nurse until the charges are resolved.

The documents in this case can be seen online by clicking “[Health care provider](#)” on the [Department of Health’s website](#). Copies of the documents can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That’s also the number to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission protects public health and safety in Washington by regulating the practice of nursing. The commission establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency, and discipline.

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